



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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### Meeting Minutes – Zoning Committee

Thursday, December 17 (9:00 am)

Joan of Arc Complex 154 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street

Attendance: 18 members of the community including 5 CEC members, and one elected official representative.

Chair reminded the group that the session was being taped and that to hear recorded podcasts of the Zoning Committee, visit [www.spreaker.com/user/8322048](http://www.spreaker.com/user/8322048).

Meeting began with update from Chair Kim Watkins on the following key points:

- Last meeting was held on November 30, and copies of meeting minutes are available for everyone.
- Stakeholder groups have been set up for PS191 and PS199, in order to facilitate discussions of 2016 enrollment/admissions issues as well as to discuss solutions for long term planning. Meetings of these groups will take concurrent to the zoning exercise that this committee conducts for 2017 implementation.

Emmai Gelman from PS75 read to the committee a letter submitted by the PTA at PS75 requesting that the CEC3 form a working committee to consider Community "controlled choice". Copies were made available to all attendees and circulated to CEC3 members. It will be uploaded to the Zoning Committee website shortly.

Committee members discussed significance of this request from an administrative and scope perspective. Several members expressed in exploring the topic, as per other meeting agreement and recent discussions surrounding a survey instrument and panel discussion to compare and contrast solutions.

#### Update on District Enrollment for 2015

Enrollment numbers have been finalized for the current year and Dan Katz, Chair of the Subcommittee on Data will be receiving a new data set from the Office of District Planning at an upcoming meeting. It will be distributed at the next committee meeting.

#### 2017 Zoning Options Discussion

Committee members reviewed the existence of six possible options for the 2016 zoning exercise:

1. Traditional zone line configuration for affected schools, including PS191, PS342, PS199, PS452 and possibly others.
2. District wide "controlled choice"
3. Shared zone between PS191 and PS342 with grades split
4. Shared zone between PS191 and PS342 with "controlled choice"
5. Superzone among PS191, PS342 and PS199 with grades split
6. Superzone among PS191, PS342, and PS199 with "controlled choice"

Committee members expressed agreement that the committee will host one/two panel discussions on the topic of "controlled choice" and/or the above options to inform parents and potentially affected families.

Panelists from educational policy, other districts that have implemented "controlled choice", and the DOE were mentioned as possible participants. Timing of said forums will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Additional discussion of the previous zoning exercise results, letters from affected schools and ideas for experimenting with "controlled choice" in other locations in the district.

Stakeholder meetings will be taking place concurrent with zoning discussions, at PS191 and PS199. The first meeting is taking place at PS191 and will include PS191 school and parent leadership, the Superintendent, DOE representatives, and elected officials.

Committee members also agreed that it would be helpful to generate and distribute a glossary of terms used in the zoning exercise.